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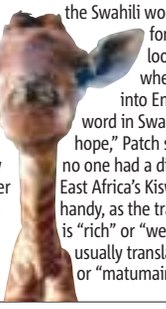
DUTERTE DC INVITATION RAISES EYEBROWS AT UN

Fighting back once again against criticism, the White House says its invitation to Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte comes down to unity over North Korea. North Korea test-fired a ballistic missile on Saturday and is vowing to continue the tests. White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus said on Sunday Trump's Duterte invite was to firm up support in Southeast Asia. Duterte, who came to power last year, is accused of supporting the extrajudicial killing of more than 9,000 drug suspects in his country, an issue UN Human Rights High Commissioner Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein says must be addressed directly by the White House. REUTERS

TRUMP OPENS DOOR TO NORTH KOREA MEETING

2 President Donald Trump opened the door to meeting North Korea's Kim Jong Un, saying he would be honored to meet the young leader under the right circumstances, even as Pyongyang suggested it will continue its nuclear weapons tests. "If it would be appropriate for me to meet with him, I would absolutely, I would be honored to do it," Trump told Bloomberg News in an interview. "Under the right circumstances I would meet with him," he added. Trump did not say what conditions would need to be met for any such meeting to occur or when it could happen, but the White House later said North Korea would need to clear many conditions before a meeting could be contemplated. "Clearly conditions are not there right now," White House spokesman Sean Spicer said. REUTERS

NY ZOO NAMES GIRAFFE CALF 'TAJIRI'



3 "Tajiri" was picked as the winner of a naming contest for a baby giraffe whose long-anticipated birth, hooves first, was watched online last month by millions tuning into his mother April's pen. Zoo owner Jordan Patch, announcing the name on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday, said the Swahili word was chosen for its forward-looking meaning when translated into English. "Tajiri is a word in Swahili that means hope," Patch said. But it seems no one had a dictionary of East Africa's Kiswahili language handy, as the translation of Tajiri is "rich" or "wealthy." Hope is usually translated as "tarajio" or "matumaini." REUTERS

Rihanna

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4 Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Monday in New York City. For more on the Met Gala, see page 20-21 or log on to www.metro.us

EIGHT SHOT DEAD NEAR MEXICO'S LOS CABOS

5 A shootout near the Mexican beach resort of Los Cabos early on Monday between suspected gang members and navy forces left eight dead, including one soldier. The incident took place before dawn on the outskirts of San Jose del Cabo, about 20 miles northeast of the area's main tourist hub of Cabo San Lucas.

Security forces later recovered unspecified drugs, vehicles, communications equipment, military-issued weapons and uniforms, the navy said in a statement. Western Baja California Sur state, popular with international tourists and ex-pats, has seen growing gangland violence over the last several months. REUTERS

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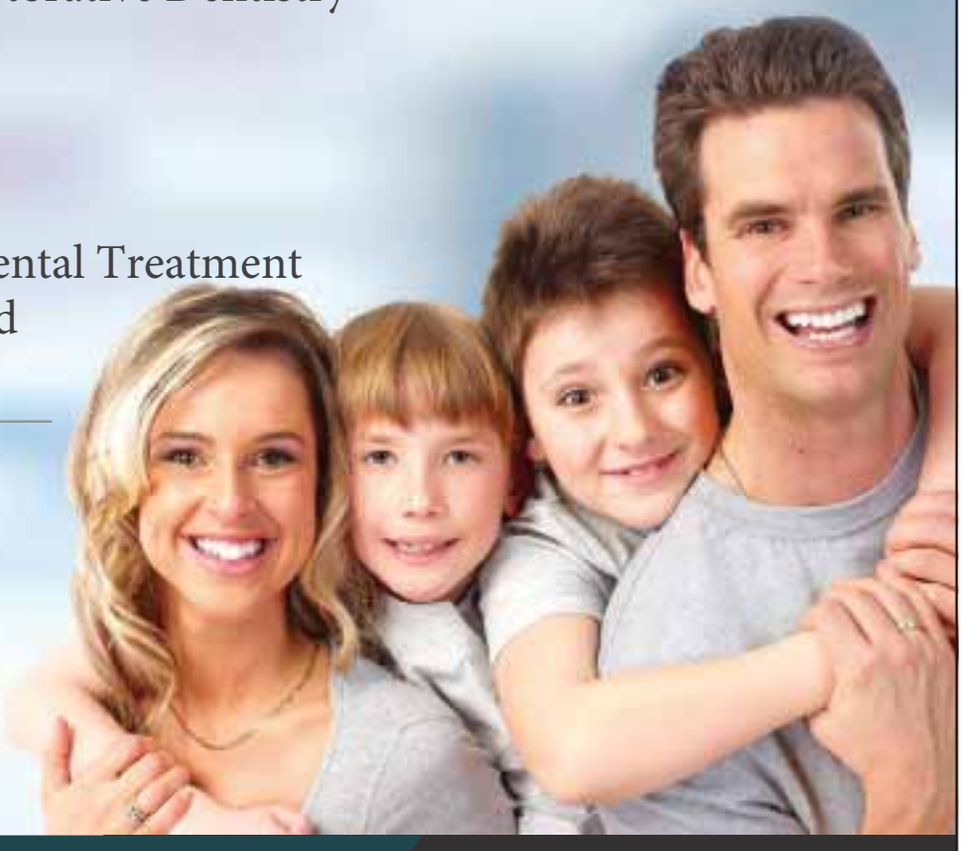

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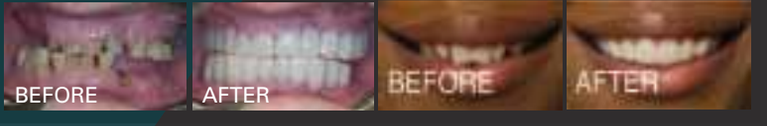

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A protester covers her face with a book by Che Guevara. LUC KORDAS

Diverse groups come together for May Day protest in NYC

One protester at Union Square marched for civil rights and against nuclear armament, and her husband said, "We shouldn't have to do this."

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Protesters from various workers' rights and immigrants' rights organizations met at Union Square for a May Day rally on Monday evening.

May 1, a spring holiday, is also the day chosen as International Workers' Day to commemorate the Chicago workers' strike of 1886. President Donald Trump declared the day "Loyalty Day," a time for Americans to reaffirm their commitment to "individual liberties, to limited government and to the inherent dignity of every human being."

Loyalty to the flag was the main rallying cry of counterprotester Jovi Val, who was corralled across the street along with a few others decorated in "Make America Great Again" hats and pins.

"Forget about Antifa [anti-fascists]. That group of roaches right there needs to scatter because this is the light right here," Val said, gesturing to the flag in his hands. "This is the light."

The focus in Union Square was very much on migrant workers, anti-imperialism and, for Josh Romey, a member of the Socialist Party, a path to citizenship, socialized health care and affordable housing for New Yorkers.

"We don't feel that the two capitalist parties, the Democrats and Republicans, can fulfill, even if sometimes it's lip service from the Democrats, these things," Romey said. "The Socialist Party isn't really interested in pressuring the politicians to, in their beneficence, give us this or that policy, so we believe in building political power and realizing those things ourselves."

Susan Gardner, who has been protesting for 75 years — through civil rights, the Vietnam War and now President Trump — said this year's May Day rally is very much about No. 45. "I have hope, but I think things are accelerating so fast ... that before the reforms can actually take place, it might be too late," she said.

Her husband, Bruce Brooks, is less hopeful. "We shouldn't have to do this," he said over the shouts of rally cries from a nearby bullhorn. "I've been to more rallies in the last six months than during the entire Vietnam War."

People at the rally said there were at least two arrests at Union Square and three at an earlier march through Grand Central station after protesters toppled tables and chairs along the march route, but a spokesman from the NYPD said he was unable to confirm those reports.

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Demonstrators gathered in NYC on *May Day*

One protester claimed that he had not seen this level of political activism since the Vietnam War.

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Counterterrorism officers stand in front of Trump Tower in Manhattan on March 20, 2017, in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

Federal plan reimburses NYC for Trump Tower security

Congress is expected to approve the legislation by the end of the week.

A federal spending agreement reached late on Sunday will reimburse New York City for money spent securing President Donald Trump and his family at Trump Tower in Manhattan.

Altogether, New York City and other state and local governments that have hosted the president would receive $61 million in the latest federal budget deal.

Officials in Florida's Palm Beach County, home to Trump's private club Mar-a-Lago, have also asked for help in paying security costs.

"We are getting what we are owed," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement on Monday. "That's good news for our city and the hard-working police officers faced with this unprecedented security challenge."

"We are getting what we are owed."
Mayor Bill de Blasio

He and Police Commissioner James O'Neill worked for several months with New York's congressional delegation to have the funds included in the deal, he said.

Congress is expected to approve the legislation by the end of the week.

The deal includes $20 million for costs incurred between Election Day in November and Inauguration Day in January, as well as $41 million after Trump was sworn in.

The funding, which must be shared with other local governments, is on top of the $7 million allocated last fall.

The city spends on average $127,000 to $146,000 per day for the New York Police Department to protect first lady Melania Trump and the couple's young son when President Trump is not in town.

Those costs are expected to swell to a daily average of $308,000 when Trump is in the city, the mayor's office said.

Their home atop the 58-story skyscraper on Fifth Avenue near Central Park is the site of regular protests and is in an area popular with tourists.

When outlining his $84.9 billion executive city budget for fiscal 2018 on Wednesday, de Blasio said the city normally handles occasional visits from presidents but not ongoing costs to keep the first family secure in Trump Tower.

"We're not budgeting for something that's a federal responsibility," he said, according to a transcript of his remarks.

"It is ridiculous to expect local law enforcement … to bear the extraordinary and ongoing costs of protecting the president of the United States," Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, who helped lead the state's congressional delegation in making the reimbursement request, said in a statement Monday.

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Melania Trump and son Barron
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Rebekkah Brunson, right, of the Minnesota Lynx handles the ball against the Los Angeles Sparks during Game 2 of the 2016 WNBA Finals. GETTY IMAGES

Twitter adds WNBA, news, concerts in try for live viewers

Twitter, which has struggled to win a major share of online advertising, planned to present its plans at a conference in New York City organized by the Interactive Advertising Bureau.

Twitter Inc. is expanding its live broadcasting portfolio with 12 new offerings that include WNBA games, a 24-hour Bloomberg News network and a show about gadgets from the tech news website The Verge, the company said on Monday.

Shares of the San Francisco-based company jumped 6.4 percent earlier on Monday to close at $17.54 after the Wall Street Journal reported on plans for the Bloomberg News network, pleasing some investors who had wanted more exclusive live content on Twitter.

The WNBA women's basketball league will livestream a regular-season game weekly on Twitter starting this month and continuing through the 2017, 2018 and 2019 seasons, Twitter said in a statement.

Other new sports-related programs will include a 360-degree video of the 17th hole at the PGA's Players Championship golf tournament this month, and a weekly, live Major League Baseball show that has highlights and commentary. Twitter is already showing one Major League game a week this season.

Music-promoter Live Nation Entertainment Inc will stream some concerts, beginning this month with a show by Grammy-winning country performers Zac Brown Band, Twitter said.

BuzzFeed News will broadcast a morning show on Twitter for an audience "that wakes up hungry" for trending tweets, and video news start-up Cheddar will stream an "opening bell" show each morning from the New York Stock Exchange.

Terms of the various deals were not disclosed.

Twitter Chief Operating Officer Anthony Noto said in a statement: "Adding these 12 new live deals tonight is a testament to the success of our only-on-Twitter experience, combining high quality streaming video with our only-on-Twitter conversation." Reuters, a unit of Thomson Reuters Corp., competes with Bloomberg News in providing financial news and data. REUTERS

PENTAGON

US military sexual assaults down as reports reach record high

Sexual assault in the U.S. military has fallen, according to a Pentagon report released on Monday, even though the number of incidents reported by service members hit a record high in 2016.

Service members reported 6,172 cases of sexual assault compared with 6,082 last year, the U.S. Department of Defense said in the annual report. This was a sharp jump from 2012 when 3,604 cases were reported.

An anonymous survey found that 14,900 service members experienced some kind of sexual assault in 2016, from groping to rape, down from 20,300 in 2014, the report showed. The survey portion is conducted every two years.

Sexual assault and harassment in the U.S. military is largely under-reported and has come under renewed scrutiny after a scandal involving some Marines sharing nude photos of women online came to light. The U.S. military has opened an inquiry and senior lawmakers on Capitol Hill have denounced the violations.

"We see the increase in rates of reporting as an indicator of a continued trust in our response and support systems," said Elizabeth Van Winkle, performing the duties of assistant secretary of defense for readiness, at a press conference.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, in a statement, questioned if there was actual progress.

"The truth is that the scourge of sexual assault in the military remains status quo," she said.

"Today's report disappointedly shows a flat overall reporting rate and a retaliation rate against survivors that remains at an unacceptable six out of 10 for a third year in a row."

Fifty-eight percent of victims experienced reprisals or retaliation for reporting sexual assault, the report showed. REUTERS

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***NY Pain MD* is a medical clinic with locations in Midtown NYC and Uptown NYC that has treated thousands of knee arthritis and joint pain patients.**

Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. Including when and why you should consider each of these 2 treatment approaches to get maximum results.

If you suffer with knee or other join arthritis pain, you have probably already tried many treatments ... especially countless pain medications. Experienced doctors understand that, even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for knee arthritis pain... they are rarely the answer over the longer term.

In most cases they have minimal results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are There Any Better Options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis to help relieve the pain.

Two options that a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

NY Pain MD is a well established medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers and joint and back pain sufferers. Patients travel from all over the area and even several states away from NYC to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available. What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or non-medical treatments promoted on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no cure for arthritis. But there are these two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

The first treatment is more common than the second. Even if you have heard of this treatment - or even tried it without good results - please read this. You will find out why it may not have worked for you and how you may be able to get much better results.

#1 Viscosupplementation

Viscosupplementation has gained quite a bit of popularity in recent years and it has gotten mixed results for a couple of reasons.

But before we get into that,here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation.

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your knees.

In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid." pharmaceutical companies (with the help of doctors) can now make ***natural*** synovial fluid gel-like compounds that, during viscosupplementation treatments. Doctors can precisely introduce directly into the knee and other joints.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

But There Is A BIG Problem

The key is the treatment must be EXTREMELY PRECISE. If the procedure is slightly off, the medication will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work.

That's why the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology so they can actually see the lubricant going directly into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that doctors performing joint injections without this technology can miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have tried viscosupplementation without this imaging technology without good results - this may be why.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** takes it even one step further. They do not just use one step process of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

Another Important Factor

Viscosupplementation medications also come in several different "brands" and chemical make-ups. Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. So, the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use several and great effort is taken to figure out what is the best one for YOU.

One last thing: The experts at ***NY Pain MD*** have found that earlier you start Viscosupplementation the better.

This is most likely because the longer you wait - the more joint destruction takes place.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** is now seeing so many patients as young as 35 to 40.

Summary: If you have knee arthritis pain and have not tried. Viscosupplementation you should look into it as soon as possible.

If you have tried it without good results. you may still be able to get great results with the proper imaging and specific medication.

What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?

When conservative treatment, including viscosupplementation fails ... most knee arthritis sufferers believe their only option is total knee replacement surgery.

This is not true...and here is why

There is another treatment for serious knee arthritis pain most people (and even doctors) do not know about.

#2: Radiofrequency Treatment

This treatment is technically called, "Radiofrequency Neurotomy." Or RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

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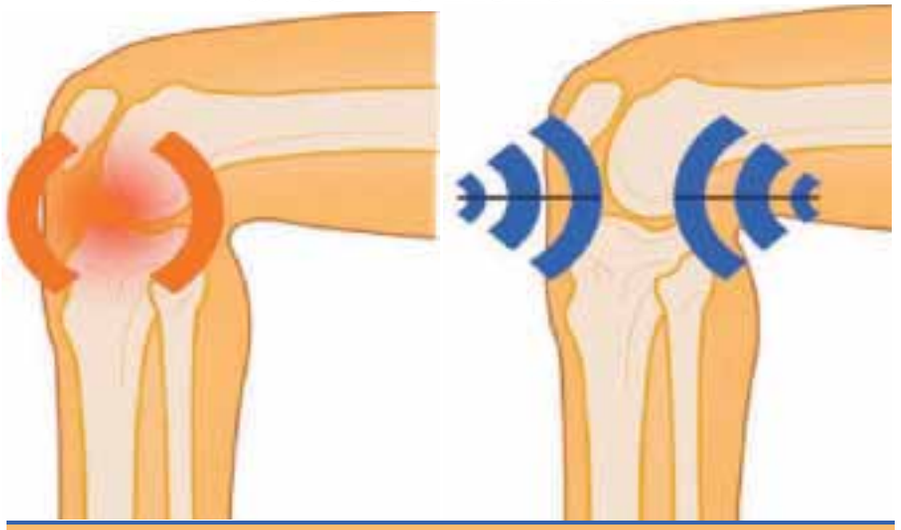

Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers?: **Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many. Many patients still in pain after a knee replacement may respond very well to these treatments allowing the possibility of avoiding additional surgery.**

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "genicular nerves."

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to the genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerve from transmitting pain signals.

There are two distinct parts to this treatment. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, then one to two weeks later, Radio Frequency waves are applied for term relief.

Is It Safe?

Research has shown this to provided significant relief for some patients. to procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal Pain found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1,4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post procedure adverse event during the follow-up period.

Some studies indiciate some patients may get years of relief in some cases. "RF neurotomy (radio frequency treatment) of genicular nerves leads to significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee osteoarthritis pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

It should also be mentioned that, like all procedures, results will vary patient to patient

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

RF can be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.

RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.

The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure can be the only thing that helps and give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof.

This way, the doctors working on your case can give you a proper examination and advise the best possible treatment plan for your individual case.

Several experts work as a team to offer you the best treatment options at the appropriate time to maximize results. It is also very convenient to have all your doctors and treatments in one place. Traveling to different offices can be time consuming and even more expensive.

NY Pain MD believes this "X" factor is one of the reasons so many knee arthritis sufferers travel from all over to be treated at their advanced medical clinics.

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New Jersey's Christie vetoes bill seeking Trump's tax returns

Before Trump, every major presidential candidate had done so voluntarily since the 1970s.

President Donald Trump with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie GETTY IMAGES

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Monday vetoed a bill that would have required President Donald Trump to release his tax returns in order to run for re-election in the state, calling it "politics at its worst."

The Democrat-controlled state legislature had passed the bill in March in response to Trump's refusal to make public his tax returns when he ran for president as a Republican last year. Under the law, any candidate for president or vice president could not appear on the ballot without releasing at least five years of returns.

Christie, who became one of Trump's earliest high-profile backers after his own White House run fizzled and served on Trump's transition team, said the legislation was an unconstitutional "form of therapy" for Democrats unwilling to accept Trump's win over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

"The hypocrisy and false outrage underlying this bill is stunning - even by Trenton standards," he said in a statement accompanying the veto.

New Jersey was the first of at least 20 states considering similar legislation to send a bill to its governor's desk for consideration.

The chairman of the state assembly's judiciary committee, Democrat John McKeon, called Christie's comments "grandstanding and childish rhetoric."

"This much is clear — Governor Christie is obsessed with protecting and showing allegiance to President Trump," McKeon added in a statement. "Sad!"

The state Senate majority leader, Democrat Loretta Weinberg, said voters "deserve to know what financial ties and interests candidates for the presidency and vice presidency have, including with other countries."

Trump's critics have said his tax returns represent the only way to assess any potential conflicts of interest related to his sprawling business empire. Democrats have also suggested the returns could reveal politically damaging information, such as Trump's possible use of loopholes to avoid paying income taxes.

During the campaign, Trump said he would not release the returns because he was being audited, and the White House has made it clear he has no intention of doing so after winning the election. REUTERS

TSA agents work at the security checkpoint at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International airport in Florida. GETTY IMAGES

US issues travel alert or Europe, citing threat of terrorist attacks

The U.S. State Department issued a travel alert for Europe on Monday, saying U.S. citizens should be aware of a continued threat of terrorist attacks throughout the continent.

In the alert, the State Department cited recent incidents in France, Russia, Sweden and the United Kingdom and said Islamic State and al Qaeda "have the ability to plan and execute terrorist attacks in Europe."

The State Department's previous travel alert for Europe, issued ahead of the winter holiday season, expired in February. A State Department official said Monday's alert was not prompted by a specific threat, but rather recognition of the continuing risk of attacks especially ahead of the summer holidays. The alert expires on Sept. 1.

Malls, government facilities, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, airports and other locations are all possible targets for attacks, the State Department's alert said. REUTERS

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Fox News co-president Bill Shine resigns

Bill Shine, co-president of Fox News Channel, has become the latest executive to resign in the wake of a sexual misconduct scandal at the cable channel.

The exit of Shine, who has been with Twenty-First Century Fox Inc.'s Fox News since its inception over 20 years ago, marks a key step in the attempt by Rupert Murdoch and his sons, who run the company, to clean house after a series of embarrassing revelations.

Chairman Roger Ailes resigned in July following sexual harassment allegations, and top-rated news host Bill O'Reilly left last month after a report that Fox and O'Reilly had paid out $13 million to settle harassment claims by five women.

Star anchor Megyn Kelly left Fox in January to join NBC News. Kelly was one of Ailes' accusers and detailed his behavior in her best-selling book, "Settle for More." Ailes has denied the allegations.

Shine has been named in a number of lawsuits alleging sexual misconduct at the company, and was blamed for not doing more to prevent it.

Last month, Julie Roginsky, a Democratic political consultant and Fox News contributor, sued the network and Ailes, accusing them of denying her a permanent hosting job after she rebuffed Ailes' sexual advances.

She also sued Shine, asserting that he failed to investigate her claims.

Shine and Jack Abernethy were appointed co-presidents in August to lead Fox News in the wake of Ailes' departure.

Abernethy remains co-president of Fox News and chief executive of Fox Television stations. Suzanne Scott, who was executive vice president of programming has been promoted to head of Fox News' programming, and Jay Wallace has been similarly promoted to head of news, the company said.

The co-president position that Shine held remains open, a Fox spokeswoman said. It is not clear if Fox will fill that position.

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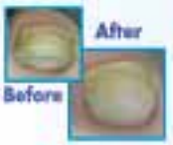
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SpaceX lifts off on first launch for US military

SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launches from pad 39A on Monday in Cape Canaveral, Florida. GETTY IMAGES

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Florida on Monday, carrying the company's first satellite for the U.S. military, and breaking a 10-year monopoly held by a partnership of Lockheed Martin and Boeing.

The 23-story tall rocket took off from its seaside launch pad at Kennedy Space Center at 7:15 a.m.

It will put into orbit a classified satellite for the National Reconnaissance Office, an agency within the Defense Department that operates the nation's spy satellites.

Nine minutes after takeoff, the rocket's main section touched down on a landing pad at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, just south of NASA's spaceport.

Last month, Space Exploration Technologies Corp. flew its first recovered booster on a second mission, a key step in company founder Elon Musk's quest to cut launch costs.

The National Reconnaissance Office bought SpaceX's launch services via a contract with Ball Aerospace, a Colorado-based satellite and instrument builder. The terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Musk battled for years to break the monopoly on the military's launch business held by United Launch Alliance, a partnership of Lockheed Martin and Boeing.

SpaceX sued the Air Force in 2014 over its exclusive multibillion-dollar contract with United Launch Alliance. The company later dropped the suit after the military agreed to open more launch contacts to competitive bidding.

SpaceX has since won two launch contracts from the Air Force to send up Global Positioning System satellites in 2018 and 2019.

Monday's launch was the 34th mission for SpaceX and the fifth of more than 20 flights planned for this year.

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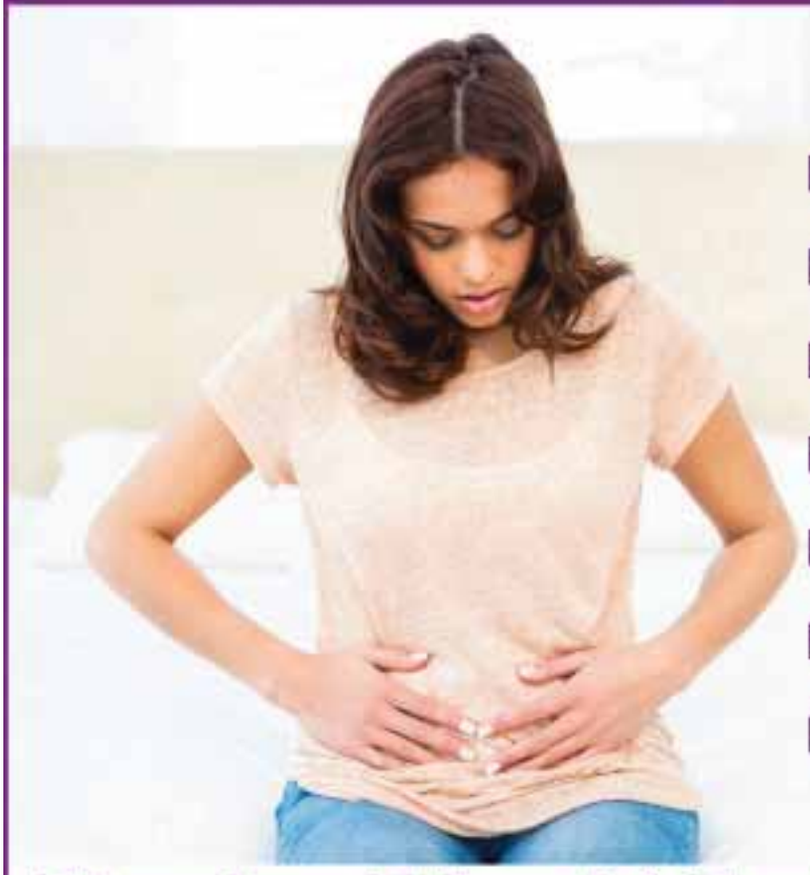

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Here's why Kanye wasn't at the Met Gala

Kanye West has blessed us. The 39-year-old rapper did not terrify thousands upon thousands of innocent people with ice-blue-color contacts. This year, he opted out of the Met Gala.

West is reportedly still "very much enjoying his time off from public events," after his hospitalization for exhaustion in November. The nine-day-stint helped to strengthen West and Kardashian's marriage, a source tells Us Weekly. "She didn't realize how much of Kanye's behavior stems from a mental illness." And Kanye is serious about treatment, with a source telling the mag that he's willing to do anything. "Kanye swore he was going to continue with intense therapy. He really wants to get better and will do whatever it takes to get healthy." Good for you, dude!

This will be the first year Kim attends Anna Wintour's fashion prom for grown-ups without Kanye. Last year, they showed up in complementary getups as short, beautiful, metallic robots in Balmain, because, of course. It was all very glam Rosie the Robot Maid from "The Jetsons."

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What is Katy Perry even talking about?

Another day of the week ending in "y," another daft, clueless comment from Katy Perry.

That's right: Y'alls problematic fave is up to no good again. The "Chained to the Rhythm" singer took to Instagram to make a questionable comparison that isn't so much racist as it is just straight-up nonsensical.

Replying to a fan's Instagram Live comment about her hair, Perry said "Oh, someone says, 'I miss your old black hair.' Oh, really? Do you miss Barack Obama, as well? Oh, OK. Times change, bye. See you guys later."

Was there a joke in there? And if so, did I just … miss it?

I'm not trying to focus solely on the vapid, thoughtless things Perry does. For example, I appreciate that she generously agreed to help Orlando Bloom seem more famous than he actually is. But it's hard to ignore the other stuff: you know, those gross and casual fits of cultural appropriation. Or the time when the 32-year-old boasted about being woke AF for acknowledging the Black Lives Matter movement.

Katy Perry continues to be ignorant AF. And it doesn't look like she has any intention of changing.

"JRod" is moving very, very fast

Jennifer Lopez is still trying to prove to you that her and Alex Rodriguez's love is real.

So much so that, while talking about how supportive A-Rod is of her new Spanish-language album, she made a little note about the Lopez-Rodriguez living situation.

"I think it's one of the best albums I've made in a long time and I'm superproud of it," the 47-year-old told "Entertainment Tonight." "[Alex] loves it. I'm so excited, you know, every time I finish something, I bring it home and I want him to hear it."

I'm sorry. You're living with your boyfriend of two months?

Lopez also told ET that she's totally fine with the "JROD" moniker. "It's fine. We kind of thought that would happen," she said.

Good to know that Lopez and Rodriguez spend romantic, candlelit nights at their possibly shared home, chatting about what portmanteau the world could refer to them as.

You gotta give it to JLo. She plotted her way to this man over a cobb salad, and now she's telling the world it's love. She's truly a master of the celebrity dating form.

She could teach the rest of Hollywood a thing or to, no?

Did Jesse Williams leave his wife for Minka Kelly?

In late April, news broke that "Grey's Anatomy" star and Black Twitter bae Jesse Williams filed for divorce from his wife, Aryn Drake-Lee. The couple were together for 13 years and married for five.

Now reports are out that Williams split from his wife for Minka Kelly, of all people. In fact, a source tells Page Six that Williams and Kelly are definitely seeing each other. "They started seeing each other last year. He ended things with his wife this year. … People know [about the relationship], but weren't saying anything because he was still married."

This move is decidedly unchill of Williams. Allow me to explain.

Williams' main motivation for divorce was reportedly that he just wants to be a big-time Hollywood star — a regular Brad Pitt, which, LOL, in your dreams, dude. A source spilled to Page Six: "He wants to go out and be the hot single Hollywood guy. Jesse wants to do whatever he thinks will make him a bigger star.

"He's drinking his own Kool-Aid, and it's 'the Jesse show.' He's dead f—ing wrong." Oh snap! Ya burnt, Williams!

Fame is one hell of a drug, huh?

Jacob Latimore hits the big time

The actor and musician is everywhere right now, including in the new film "Sleight."

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Jacob Latimore is having a moment. He's had them before. Since the age of 9, he's been a professional singer. At 11, his single "Superstar" cracked the U.S. R&B charts. By 13 he was an actor, too, and has since appeared in "Black Nativity," "Ride Along" and "The Maze Runner."

But the last handful of months have found Latimore, now 20, particularly busy. He had a key role, among with the likes of Will Smith, Kate Winslet and Helen Mirren, in "Collateral Beauty." He released an album, "Connection," around the same time. He recently wrapped "Detroit," Kathryn Bigelow's hotly anticipated account of the 1967 Detroit riots, due in late summer.

Jacob Latimore (with Seychelle Gabriel) plays a street magician trying to escape the drug world in "Sleight." BH TILT PUBLICITY

And there's "Sleight," in which he plays a magician trying to get out of the drug trade, which is now seeing a wide release.

When we speak, Latimore's still busy; he's filming Showtime's "The Chi," his first time being in the main cast of a TV show. But being stuck with one time-hogging gig isn't a bad thing.

"People who do TV get to be a little more picky," Latimore tells us. "They find they're a little more eager to look for movies they actually want to be a part of, instead of doing a movie just because they want to keep working." After making one film with a pile of screen legends and another for Bigelow, he understands that he has to be picky now, too. "It's important that my next film is my best film."

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"Sleight" is a big showcase for Latimore — a lead role. He plays Bo, a young orphan who's turned to magic to escape the world of drug dealing. He's created an electromagnet he wears on his arm that makes it look like he can make coins levitate. (Think of him as a young Magneto, except not evil.) It's Bo's way of doing something original, something the world will notice. Latimore gets that.

"I definitely relate to going the extra mile to do something you love, to break into an industry that's oversaturated. You want to do something that sticks out," Latimore explains. "I always try to do things that are outside the box. It's a perfect time for that. No one's looking for things that are clichéd. Everyone's looking for something new."

When Latimore filmed "Detroit," he was blown away by making a difficult film about harrowing subject matter, involving racial profiling and white cops who killed three innocent black men and wounded nine others, including two women.

"It was probably the most emotional set I've ever been on," Latimore recalls. "You had everyone breaking into tears, even the ones playing the cops. They were breaking character over what was going on in the story, what was going on in those scenes. It was tough for all of us. But it was a time to come together as brothers of all colors and really tell this story."

Talking music

Juggling an acting and a music career is tough these days. To be a successful musician, you don't only have to be original; you have to be prolific.

"A lot of my peers, their attention spans are very short," explains Latimore. "If you're an artist like Drake, who dropped three albums in one year — he never stops putting out projects — it's almost like forcing people to love you, forcing them to pay attention. You can't just put out one project every two or three years. Things get old as soon as they explode."

Met honoree Rei Kawakubo doesn't

The Costume Institute's spring show "Rei Kawakubo/Comme des Garcons: Art of the In-Between" opens Thursday, May 4,on view through Sept. 4. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

The avant-garde Japanese designer gets a major showcase at the Met.

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If the fashion choices at last night's Met Gala mystified you more than years' past, there's a reason why.

The annual fundraiser for the Costume Institute took its theme from Japanese designer Rei Kawakubo, whose creations embody riddles.

Confused? That's to be expected. The 74-year-old founder of the label Comme des Garcons creates avant garde pieces that challenge conventional notions of beauty, fashion, even the practical idea of clothing itself — a construct she rejected in 2014, opting instead to create "objects for the body."

The exhibition, "Rei Kawakubo/Comme des Garcons: Art of the In-Between," the Costume Institute's first monographic exhibit of a living artist since Yves St.-Laurent in 1983, opens Thursday, May 4 and runs through Sept. 4. It includes around 140 ensembles from the artist's oeuvre, spanning 1980 to the present.

At a press preview Monday, we learned all about the iconoclast and her work.

"In blurring the art/fashion divide, Kawakubo asks us to think differently about clothing," said Thomas P. Campbell, Director of The Met. "Curator Andrew Bolton explores work that often looks like sculpture in an exhibition that challenges our ideas about fashion's role in contemporary culture."

Dueling themes

Kawakubo's ensembles, all fitted on mannequins, are organized into nine aesthetic binaries that she engages with and disrupts: Absence/Presence, Design/Not Design, Fashion/Anti-Fashion, Model/Multiple, High/Low, Then/Now, Self/Other, Object/Subject and Clothes/Not Clothes.

Her pieces blur these lines, investigating the spaces in between and exposing the arbitrary nature of the oppositions to begin with.

Some you can make sense of. "Ballerina Motorbike," from the section "High/Low," pairs a black leather jacket with a tutu of white-polyester tulle. By juxtaposing seemingly clashing pieces so that they complement each other — in a kind of goth-femme aesthetic — Kuwakabo dissolves the line between highbrow and lowbrow. We think. Gender binaries get skewered in "Self/Other" via pieces that combine traditional male and female fashions, like trousers and skirts, together into one look.

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Other times, it's hard to know what you're looking at, as Kuwakabo's work often verges on the absurd. Take "Tomorrow's Black," a creepy, bulbous suit of black polyurethane-rayon faux leather, that looks fit for a life-sized black widow spider more than an outfit a human would wear. Kuwakabo turns any notion of form-fits-function on its head. "The Future of Silhouette," from "Design/Not Design" is a brown paper dress, amorphous except for a twist in the center, that looks like if the Stay Puft Marshmallow man were wearing a blown up brown paper bag from the corner store. The back story: Kawakubo presented a crumpled piece of paper to her design team and asked for a pattern that would represent it.

The exhibition set-up

The radical designer doesn't like to explain her work and prefers her clothes to speak for themselves, curator Andrew Bolton explained during the event. The exhibition honors her aesthetic preference by omitting any text, which forces the viewer to engage directly with the work and best make sense of it by oneself. (Those in need of some explainers can find captions and context in an accompanying booklet).

The mannequins are displayed on all white geometric structures that viewers can navigate at their own pace. The spare white of the installations naturally spotlight Kawakubo's work, while underscoring the exhibition's central tension: what inhabits the space in-between.

Bolton spoke to Kuwakabo's influence in the art and fashion world: "Since her first show in Paris in 1981, she has consistently surprised and disrupted our expectations," he said. "Season after season, collection after collection, she changes our eye by upending perceived notions of beauty. Rei has taught us that the body has no bounds, and that the potential of clothing is limitless. In so doing, she's placed fashion at the epicenter of modern culture."

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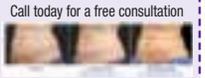

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Then on May 25, the Polish Cultural Institute will tell the high-seas adventure of Austin Nichols to import three classic Polish vodkas (bison grass, cherry, pure rye) at "Rediscovering Vodka in the Heart of Polish Brooklyn" ($30). Grand Ferry Tavern owner Joel Lee Kulp created a signature drink for the event, The Kosciuszko Bridge, in honor of the Polish freedom fighter, paired with traditional bites and a tango band.

In June, Spring Spirits will feature Peruvian pisco and Chinese baijiu, the world's most popular liquor that remains one of the rarest in the U.S. And because they wouldn't leave out the booze-free crowd, there's a Discovering Taiwanese Tea panel on June 8 (free with RSVP).

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While the cause is unknown, any woman of childbearing age can be affected by the disorder regardless of whether or not they're trying to get pregnant, and there are risk factors linked to it. We asked Dr. Charles J. Ascher-Walsh, director of gynecology and urogynecology division at the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Science at Mount Sinai Health System, to shed some light on this increasingly common condition.

What is PCOS?
PCOS is an endocrine system disorder.

Who is at risk?
Women with family members with PCOS. Obesity is also a risk factor.

How prevalent is it? Is it increasing or decreasing? Why?
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Is PCOS preventable? If so, how?
We don't know what causes PCOS, and it can not be prevented.

What are the symptoms?
There is no definitive test for PCOS. It is diagnosed if the woman has two of the following three symptoms: irregular periods, increased androgens (increased facial or body hair, acne and male-pattern baldness) and polycystic ovaries. Women with PCOS are also more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease and abnormalities of the endometrium, the lining of the uterus.

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Can it be cured or reversed?
It can not be cured but the symptoms can be managed. Irregular periods can be managed with birth control pills or monthly progesterone pills for 10-14 days. Male hair may be controlled with birth control pills or spironolactone or eflornithine cream for facial hair. If a woman is unable to get pregnant due to irregular ovulation, medications such as clomiphene citrate (brand name Clomid). Diabetes or insulin resistance may be treated with weight loss and a drug called Metformin.

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Johnstone's memoir, "Of This Much I'm Sure"

I tried IVF and it almost killed me

Author Nadine Kenney Johnstone shares the horror story that was her path to conceive.

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"When my husband and I went to our fertility specialist and she told us that we would be good candidates for IVF, we started on the typical journey," remembers author Nadine Kenney Johnstone. But her experience would be far from typical.

In 2012, the then-28-year-old sought infertility treatment after trying naturally for almost a year. She and her husband, Jamie, were living in suburban Massachusetts, where he worked as a chef and she taught English at Framingham State University.

While many women who pursue IVF are well into their 30s, the young couple had extenuating circumstances. Jamie was a testicular-cancer survivor, and an analysis had revealed the chemotherapy treatments had compromised his sperm motility. At the same time, Johnstone, who had recently stopped taking birth control, discovered she wasn't ovulating.

Johnstone began with the egg-retrieval procedure, a standard precursor to IVF in which a woman receives hormone injections that stimulate her ovaries to release extra egg follicles, which are then harvested and inseminated in a petri dish.

But when she got home from the procedure, she felt dizzy and nauseated, with sharp pains in her abdomen. She started crying and throwing up.

Her husband rushed her to the ER, where an ultrasound of her abdomen revealed that she was bleeding internally. She went into emergency surgery.

"Unbeknownst to me, my left ovary never clotted after the retrieval," she explains. The surgeons sutured her ovary, and after a few days, she left the hospital with a 6-inch scar, from her belly button down to her pubic bone, and began a painful, prolonged recovery.

Johnstone and her now four year old son, Geo.

According to fertility expert Dr. Brooke Hodes-Wertz of NYU Langone, what happened to Johnstone is extremely rare. "The egg retrieval procedure is minimally invasive and there's less than a 1 percent chance of bleeding and infection," she tells us. What's more common is ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, a condition which can occur due to an oversaturation of hormones, and can cause abdominal pain, nausea and, in severe cases, blood clots and kidney failure.

The egg-retrieval setback was only the beginning of Johnstone's troubles. While the typical next step of IVF would be to implant the fertilized embryo into her uterus, Johnstone was still very much physically — and mentally — recovering. Instead, they froze the embryos and waited six months to try again.

Six months later, things still didn't go as planned.

"In order to prepare your body for the transfer, you have to take estrogen," Johnstone says. But that gave her constant headaches, and even impaired the vision in her left eye. "We had to cancel that cycle."

Three months later, Johnstone tried again and was able to successfully transfer a couple embryos. "But either my body rejected them or they rejected me, and I didn't become pregnant from it," she says. (IVF varies from person to person. While some women become pregnant after the first cycle, it's not uncommon for others to require multiple cycles before conceiving.)

The next chapter

That August, Johnstone and her husband made what would be their final appointment with a fertility specialist. "I was just so done with IVF," Johnstone remembers. "I asked the doctor, 'What else can we do?' And he just shook his head."

It turns out she was pregnant while sitting in his office, but she didn't know it. She had conceived naturally at the age of 29.

Johnstone has detailed the harrowing but ultimately hopeful experience in her memoir, "Of This Much I'm Sure," out this month on She Writes Press. The now-33-year-old lives in Chicago with her family, where she teaches English at Loyola University and Jamie works as a project manager at a corporate signage company. Their son, Geo, is now 4 years old.

She and Jamie are uncertain whether they'll have more kids. "I know I would never try IVF again," she says. "I can't go down that road again, for my own sanity."

Johnstone's biggest takeaway from the experience: realizing how important it was "to reach out and share our pain with other people and ask for comfort."

"When I was at the lowest point, I got an email from my husband's cousin Amy. She's a life coach and a doula. Her first sentences were: 'You will have a baby, of this much I am sure,'" she recalls, citing the line that inspired her book's title.

"I cannot tell you how hopeful and uplifting it was just to hear someone speak in affirmative, confident language," she says. "It gave us the hope and endurance we needed to keep going. So, speak. Speak to yourself, to other people. But whatever you do, do not keep this journey a secret."

What to know about infertility treatments

An NYU Langone fertility expert talks us through IVF and more.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 15 percent of couples in America experience infertility issues. But seeking treatment for infertility is no easy process. It can be prohibitively expensive, emotionally and physically taxing and time consuming. A recent study showed that 25 million reproductive age women lack nearby access to fertility clinics.

The success rate of treatments varies widely depending on the age of the woman, the infertility diagnosis and the fertility clinic. While some women become pregnant after the first course of combined fertility medications and intrauterine insemination, others require multiple cycles of in vitro fertilization, or IVF. And still others will undergo treatment after treatment and never conceive.

The cost also varies greatly. Only 15 states mandate that insurance companies cover infertility costs. Paying out of pocket can be exorbitant, with the American Society of Reproductive Medicine listing the average cost of an IVF cycle at $12,400.

We spoke with NYU Langone fertility expert Dr. Brooke Hodes-Wertz about what to expect if you're not expecting.

What to expect when you're not expecting. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

In vitro fertilization

Who should undergo fertility treatment?

The National Infertility Association defines infertility as "the inability to conceive or carry a pregnancy to term after 12 months of trying." Hodes-Wertz tells us the recommendations vary depending on age: If a patient is under 35, it's 12 months; over 35, six months; and over 40, three to six months.

The first step is a medical evaluation, in which a fertility specialist assesses everything from ovarian reserve (egg quantity and quality) to the male partner's sperm count and motility. If the results show everything's normal, some patients decide to keep trying naturally.

In vitro fertilization is often not the first procedure

IVF is an assisted reproductive technology, in which eggs are extracted from the woman's uterus, fertilized with sperm externally and then implanted back into the uterus. For women over 40, it's appropriate to go right to IVF, Hodes-Wertz explains. Younger patients often start with an oral medication (to induce ovulation) coupled with an IUI (intrauterine insemination).

Risk factors

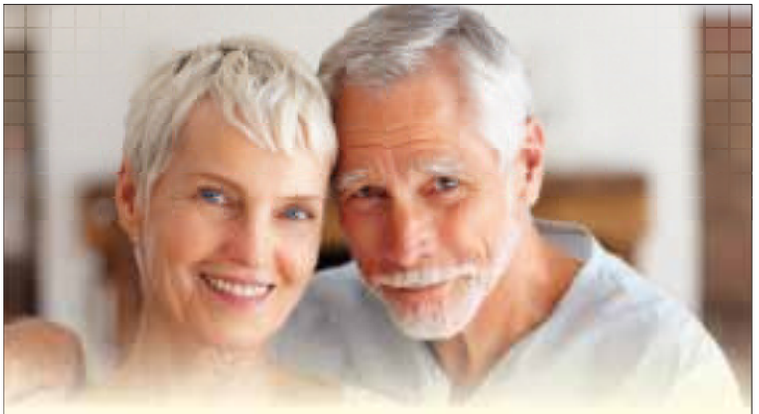
The egg-retrieval procedure that precedes IVF is minimally invasive, and there's a less than 1 percent chance of bleeding or infection, says Hodes-Wertz. One of the bigger risks is something called ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, that can occur in women who have extra follicles on their ovaries and can result in dehydration, bloating, blood clots, even kidney damage.

Embryo testing is a promising new treatment

"In the last couple years, clinics including NYU Langone have started to test the fertilized embryos before we put them back [in the uterus]," Hodes-Wertz explains. This process is called preimplantation genetic diagnosis and screening, which tests the embryo for any chromosomal abnormalities (like having more or less than 46 chromosomes) that would prevent the embryo from implanting successfully.

Whereas before, fertility doctors would often transfer two embryos simultaneously to increase the chances of one successfully implanting, sometimes resulting in twins or triplets, now with embryo testing, specialists can insert one normal embryo at a time.

Another perk: Women can do several cycles of IVF to obtain multiple normal embryos, implant one and then freeze the others — a process called embryo banking, similar to egg freezing.



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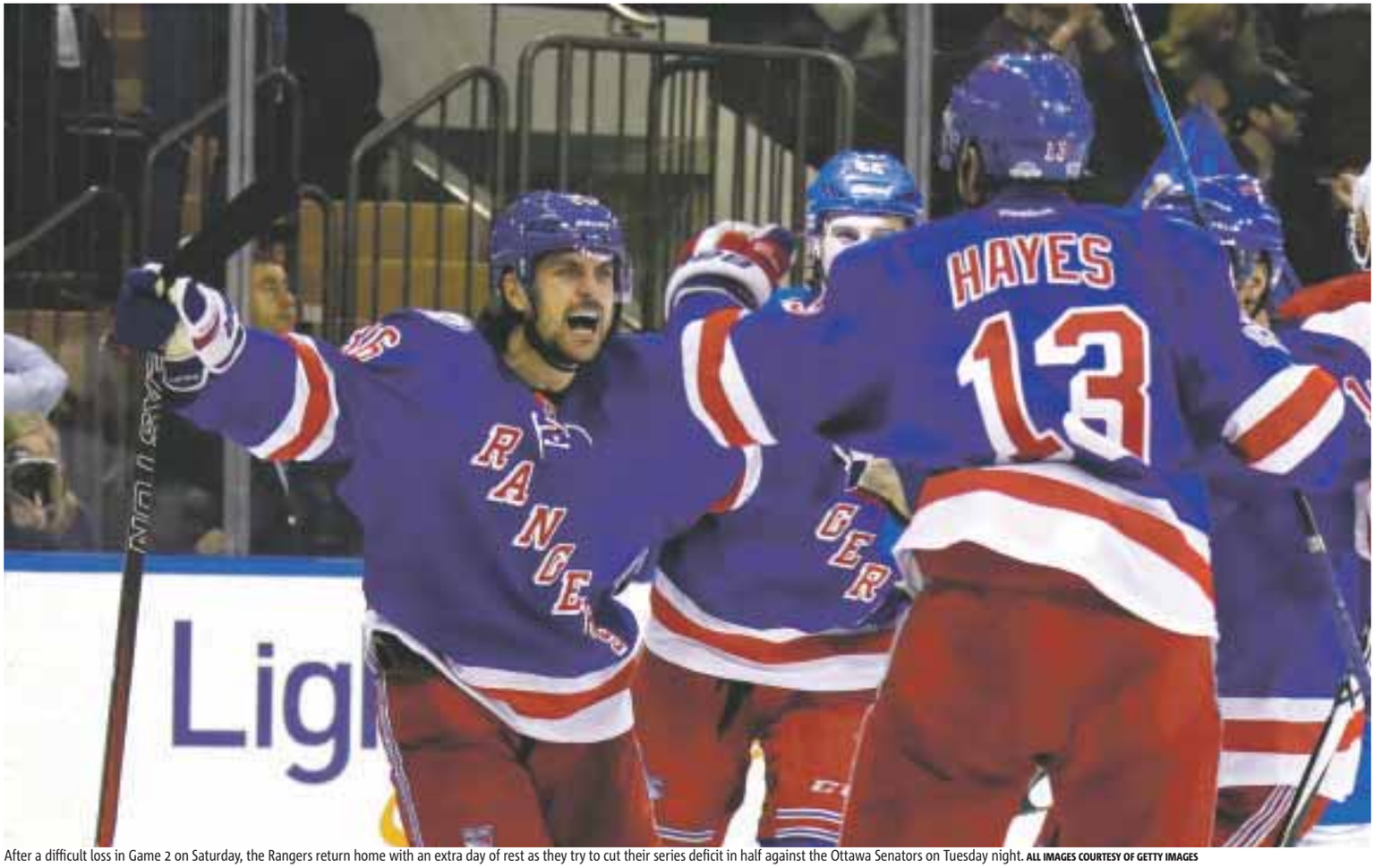

After a difficult loss in Game 2 on Saturday, the Rangers return home with an extra day of rest as they try to cut their series deficit in half against the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night. ALL IMAGES COURTESY OF GETTY IMAGES

Rangers look to MSG return as clean slate ahead of Game 3

The Blueshirts' backs are against the wall early and need a win at home to make this a series again.

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The New York Rangers return to Madison Square Garden on Tuesday night for Game 3 of their Eastern Conference semifinal matchup against the Ottawa Senators and they are already on the brink.

Saturday night provided a crushing 6-5 double-overtime loss in which the Rangers had three separate two-goal leads slip away.

They were up 5-3 with 3:29 to go before Jean-Gabriel Pageau picked up his second and third goals of the afternoon to tie things up and force overtime.

Pageau might have had just 12 goals during the regular season, but he might as well have been Mike Bossy on Saturday, tallying his fourth goal of the game in double overtime to lift Ottawa to a 2-0 series advantage.

One of New York's goal scorers in Game 2, Derek Stepan, isn't trying to look back at what transpired in Ottawa.

"I think we played some real strong hockey in the first two games," Stepan said on Monday. "There's nothing we can do about Games 1 and 2, just focus on 3."

It was the fourth time under head coach Alain Vigneault that the Rangers blew a two-goal lead and lost a playoff game in overtime. Two of them came in Games 1 and 2 of the 2014 Stanley Cup Final against the Los Angeles Kings.

The other was in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference Final against the Tampa Bay Lightning. The Rangers went on to lose each of those series.

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GOALS SCORED BY SENS CENTER JEAN-GABRIEL PAGEAU IN GAME 2

This tough start has made it difficult for Vigneault to hammer down a lineup ahead of Game 3.

"We have a couple things right now that I'm contemplating," Vigneault admitted on Monday. "I think every game is different. There's no doubt that the second game in Ottawa was different than the first game. But you have to expect the same components."

For the first time this postseason, Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist looked vulnerable as he made just 28 saves on 34 shots.

New York outshot Ottawa, 48-34, in Game 2, but Senators goalie Craig Anderson has outdueled "the King" so far. In two games, he has stopped 77 of 83 shots for a .927 save percentage.

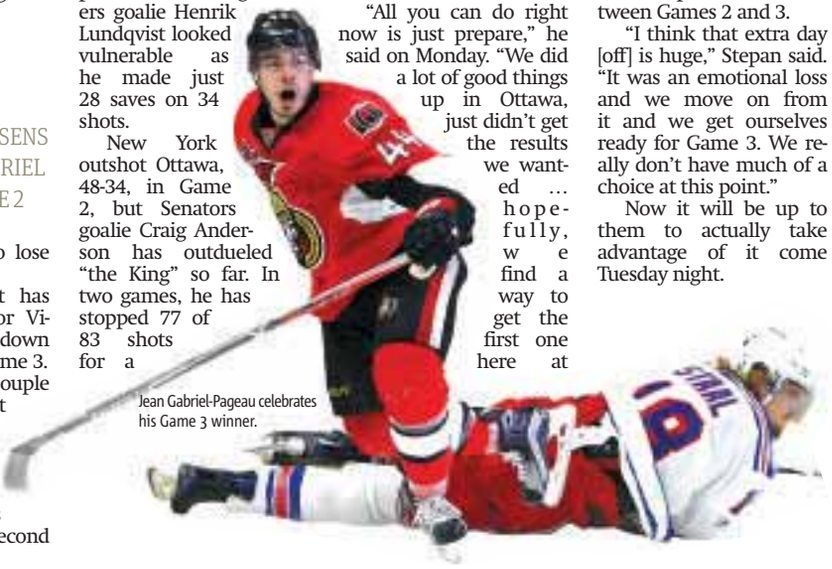
Lundqvist's save percentage is slumping at .896 so far this series, but he's not letting it get to him.

"All you can do right now is just prepare," he said on Monday. "We did a lot of good things up in Ottawa, just didn't get the results we wanted … hopefully, we find a way to get the first one here at home."

There was no question that the loss stung, but the Rangers received a small gift in getting two days of rest compared to one between Games 2 and 3.

"I think that extra day [off] is huge," Stepan said. "It was an emotional loss and we move on from it and we get ourselves ready for Game 3. We really don't have much of a choice at this point."

Now it will be up to them to actually take advantage of it come Tuesday night.



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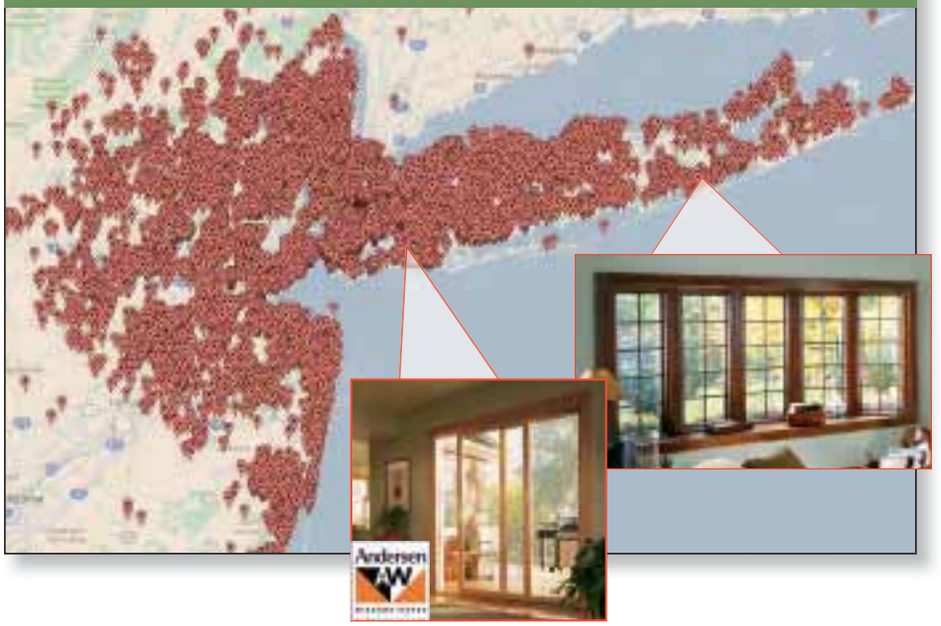

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Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist is one of the best ever despite not winning a title yet. GETTY IMAGES

OPINION

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Sometimes, we don't appreciate greatness when it is right in front of our eyes. In our all-too-cynical world, we look at great players and emphasize what they are not instead of appreciating what they are.

I don't think New York City really appreciated Patrick Ewing as a player, one of the best ever, might I add, until he was gone.

I bring him up because I don't think we appreciate Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist enough. I know hockey has its place in this city behind the other three major sports in terms of fans interest. But that should not minimize the brilliance of Lundqvist and what he has meant to the Rangers.

I know the Rangers are down 2-0 in their best-of-seven series against the Ottawa Senators. I also know and watched in stunned disbelief as the Rangers blew a two-goal lead on Sunday afternoon, only to fall, 6-5, to the Senators in double overtime. Lundqvist was not "kinglike" Sunday afternoon in Ottawa as he allowed six goals.

It allowed his detractors, who are quick to point out that he hasn't won a title, to come out one more time and mock his title as "king."

But let's just take a moment to break down what he has done for the Rangers over the years:

-Won the Vezina Trophy in 2012 as the league's best goaltender.

-The only goalie in NHL history with 10 30-win seasons in his first 11 years.

-Led the Rangers to the Stanley Cup Final and three conference finals.

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What we should do is appreciate him a little bit more than we do.

When the lights are shining the brightest, you want to be at your best as an athlete. There is no question that Lundqvist has been that type of player. In the postseason, his GAA is 2.27. His save percentage is .922.

It's common knowledge that having a hot goalie gives you an opportunity to win any given game and any given series. The Rangers have been consistent winners in the regular season and have been a pretty consistent playoff performer, but they just have not won the ultimate prize of the Stanley Cup.

Lundqvist deserves his fair share of blame for not winning the Cup but also deserves a ton of credit for making the Rangers a consistent championship contender.

When players start to age, we always start to think about who will be that player's replacement. It is not time, nor should it be discussed, yet. He has shown you this postseason that he still has the ability to raise his game and in turn, the Rangers to another level.

Sometimes championships help define a player, but a player's greatness should not be solely defined on if he won a championship or not.

Ewing never won a title and Lundqvist has not either. It does not lessen their impact on their teams and this city. As a Knicks fan, I long for the days of Ewing and meaningful basketball. As a Rangers fan, I fear the day when King Henrik is not between the pipes.

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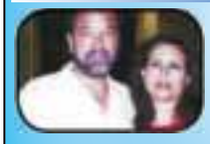

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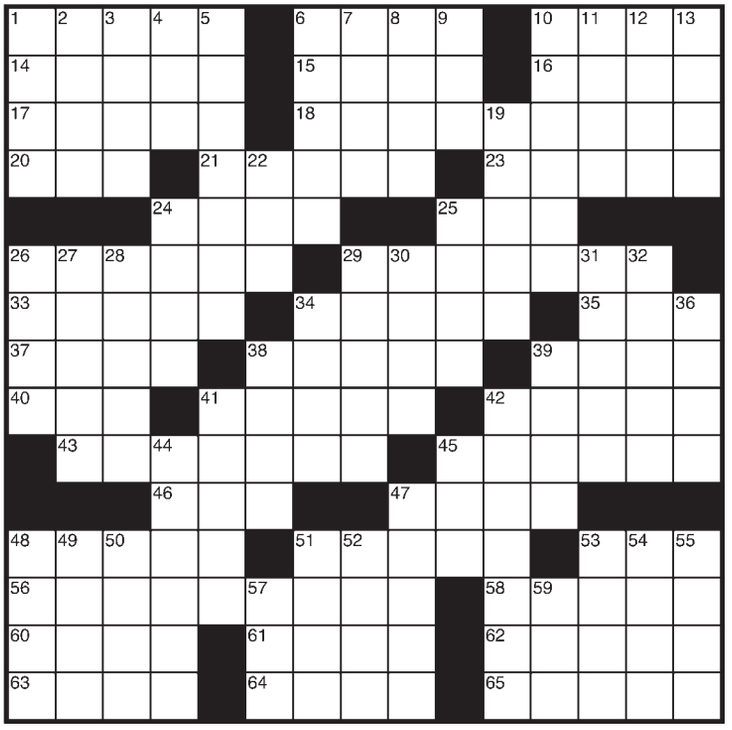

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Aries Going on a shopping spree or getting together with friends will improve your day. A romantic gesture will turn out to be more entertaining than expected.

Taurus Don't let the little things get to you. If someone tries to make you feel guilty, don't feel obliged to play along. Look at what you can accomplish and make it happen.

Gemini A sense of compromise will lead to accomplishment. Personal improvements will enhance your love life. Share your feelings and engage in romantic interactions.

Cancer It's in your best interest to put greater emphasis on personal change instead of trying to change others. A relationship will suffer if you are inconsistent or mercurial.

Leo A personal pick-me-up will do you good. Find something you enjoy doing and ask a good friend to join you. The experience will be enlightening.

Virgo Take better care of your appearance and how you present yourself to others. Looks and attitude can make a difference when you are trying to get ahead.

Libra You'll enjoy the benefits that go along with being popular. Don't let it go to your head. Give back as much as, if not more than, what you receive from others.

Scorpio You'll have to think outside the box to avoid an emotional scene. Be creative and initiate plans that will please everyone. Leaving someone out will lead to trouble.

Sagittarius Put more time, money and energy into improving your environment and relationships. A little effort and attention will make a difference in your life.

Capricorn Be careful about your emotions. Whether an arrangement is business, financial or personal, you cannot let your feelings dictate what you should or shouldn't do.

Aquarius Personal gains should be your top priority. Whether it's a mental, physical or emotional change you want to make, this is a good day to start the process.

Pisces Take better care of your health and physical well-being. A little exercise and a nutritious diet will help you be more productive. Trust your instincts. EUGENIA LAST

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